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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Minoru NISHIDA et al. Confirmation No: 1662
Appl. No. : 10/724,084
Filed : December 1, 2003
Title : METHOD OF PREPARING FRY COOKED PRODUCT
AND FRY COOKING DEVICE

TC/A.U. : 1761
Examiner : D.E. Becker

Docket No.: : NISH3003/REF
Customer No: : 23364

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of November 27, 2006, in connection with the above identified application.

The Official Action is an election requirement in which it is urged that there are three separate and distinct species claimed in this application. It is further indicated that no claims are found to be generic. Applicant elects the species (A) a fry cooking device set in claims 34-35, without traverse. Claims 10-15 and 34-35 are readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the species (A), without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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